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1. The Yugoslav Government's Commission on Religion recently recommended the discontinuation of arrests of the clergy.

3. The fact that a more lenient policy has been taken towards the various Churches, and the Roman Catholic Church in particular, is illustrated by the recent presence of clerics at official and public functions of the Government and the Yugoslav Communist Party.

5. The release of Archbishop Stepinac is still under consideration. Releasing him as an individual however, would play into Cominform hands. Since he was imprisoned as an Ustasha warcriminal, Stepinac could only be freed by means of a general amnesty. This the Government is reluctant to do, because Yugoslav leaders fear that such an act would anger the older partisans, many of whom suffered at the hands of imprisoned war criminals, and whose support is presently so urgently needed by the Government.

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